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TAGS: PFOR, UK, US, GR, CY

SUBJECT: ATHENS REPORTS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT BUZZING PASSENGER SHIPS

1. FCO GREEK DESK OFFICER CALLED AFTERNOON SEPT 25 TO REPORT RECEIPT OF CABLE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY ATHENS WHICH SAYS LOCAL PRESS CARRYING STORY THAT U.S. AIRCRAFT HAVE BUZZED GREEK PASSENGER SHIPS ON THEIR WAY TO CYPRUS. PRESS STORIES SPECULATE THAT U.S. AIRCRAFT COME FROM AKROTIRI SBA IN CYPRUS.

2. FCO OFFICER ASKED OUR OPINION ON INSTRUCTIONS HE PLANNED TO SEND ATHENS AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES. WE AGREED IT WOULD BE BEST IF BRITISH SIMPLY SAID THEY HAD NO SUBSTANTIATING INFORMATION AND ENTIRE STORY SOUNDED FALSE TO THEM. THEY SHOULD AVOID GETTING DRAGGED INTO DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE U.S. AIRCRAFT IN AKROTIRI.

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3. FCO OFFICER PRIVATELY SPECULATED IF ANY AIRCRAFT WERE SO ENGAGED, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE TURKISH, KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR POSSIBLE GREEK TROOP MOVEMENTS.

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